Circulation of counterfeits notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 in capital

1687. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that counterfeits notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 are being circulated in huge number in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether some arrests have been made recently in the capital in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has found out the actual source of this fake currency note and if so, the details thereof and action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Delhi Police has registered 39 cases of counterfeit notes in various denominations including Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 upto 15th November in the year 2007 and has arrested 57 persons in this regard. In addition, Reserve Bank of India has informed that 898 counterfeit notes in the denomination of Rs. 500 and 203 counterfeit notes in the denomination of Rs. 1000 were detected during the period from October, 2006 to September, 2007 in the chest remittances received from the bank branches. Intelligence inputs suggest involvement of ISI in this regard. The Government has taken a number of steps to curb circulation of fake currency notes in the country which *inter-alia* include sharing of intelligence with the State Government; sharing up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country; dissemination of information on security features through print and electronic media for the benefit of public etc., sensitization of police officials and other security personnel performing their duties at Airport, Railway Stations and ISBT; regular checking of guesthouses; hotels etc.

Setting up of flying institute in Gondia

1688. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gondia in the State of Maharashtra in a naxal-prone area;

(b) if so, what are the details of naxal groups still active is Gondia District;

(c) whether setting up of Flying Institute in Gondia is not conducive due to naxal activities and security clearance is necessary before setting up of Flying Institute there;

(d) whether security clearance for setting up of Flying Institute has been given or under consideration of Government; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As per information available, in 2007, till